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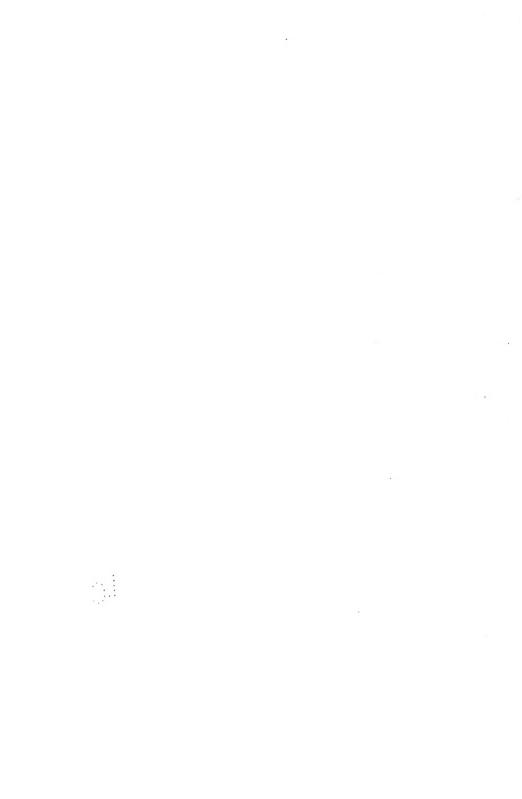
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PREFACE.

The date on several of the early gravestones in the Baptist burying ground at Dividing Creek would indicate that it was used for burials before the Revolutionary war.

The custom of burying on private grounds was not uncommon and doubtless many of the early residents were laid to rest in unmarked graves on their own estates. So too, in this old yard were many burials unrecorded, some unmarked, save for rough native stones.

This burying ground is still used for interments, and the inscriptions contained herein were copied from the early stones, and are mostly of persons born previous to 1800.

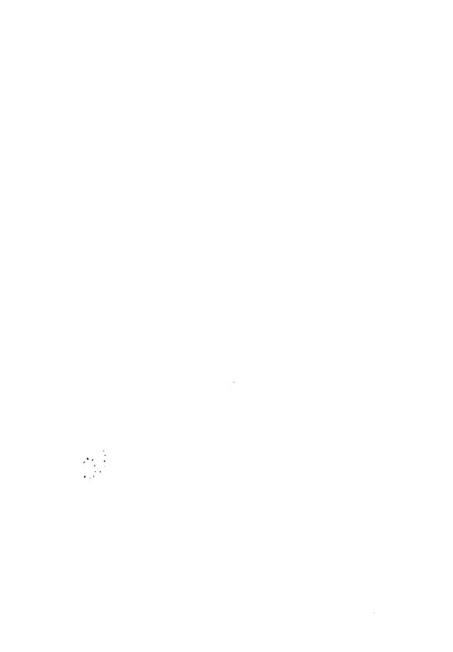
It is difficult to entirely avoid errors in transcribing names and dates from the old weather worn stones, and it is not unlikely one or more mistakes may be found in this record.

Sixty copies only, of these "Inscriptions" have been printed.

FRANK D. ANDREWS.

VINELAND, NEW JERSEY. MARCH 2, 1916.

Erratum.—For Dolles, read Dallas.



HISTORICAL SKETCH.

Dividing Creek, a village in the township of Downe, which until 1772, formed part of Fairfield, is about fifteen miles south-east from Bridgeton; the County seat of Cumberland County, and can be reached by trolley.

It takes its name from the creek formed from several small streams which here unite flowing into Maurice River Cove, on Delaware Bay.

A settlement was made in this vicinity as early as 1749 when the families of Jonadab, Thomas, Temperance and Ann Shepherd, William Dallas, William and Patience Paulin removed from Cohansey, with others from Cape May. The pastors of these places occasionally visited and preached to them.

In the summer of 1760 Rev. Samuel Heaton and John Terry removed from Cape May and located in this neighborhood. Mr. Heaton's wife was Abbey Tuttle, who became the mother of ten children. These married into the families of the Clarks, Colsons, Cooks, Garrisons, Johnsons, Kelseys, Lores, Reeves and Terrys, names now borne by their descendants.

A lot was donated by Seth Lore in 1751, and a small church, probably of logs, erected. This church was duly constituted a regular Baptist Church, May 30, 1761. Rev. Samuel Heaton was the first settled pastor and continued to hold the position until his death September 26, 1777, at the age of sixty-six years.

It was during Mr. Heaton's pastorate that the church was destroyed by fire. In 1771 it was replaced by another building, twenty-two by thirty feet in size.

April 21, 1821, after fifty years of service, the church was accidentally burned. A new building, thirty-four by forty was dedicated in 1823. It was enlarged in 1860.

The ground for the parsonage was donated in 1850.

Rev. Peter Peterson Vanhorn became pastor of the church in 1779 continuing for four years when he resigned, removed to Salem, and there died, September 10, 1789, in his seventy-first year. Rev. William Lock succeeded him in the spring of 1785, the following September he died, Rev. John Garrison, a son-in-law of Mr. Heaton, took pastorial charge September 8, 1787. He died in 1790. Rev. Garner A. Hunt served the church from November, 1792, until 1796. Rev. John Rutter preached to the congregation upward of two years before he was succeeded by another pastor.

The following named clergymen served the church during the nineteenth century:

Rev. David Stout.

Rev. David Bateman.

Rev- Thomas Brooks.

Rev. William Bacon, M. D.

Rev. Daniel Kelsev.

Rev. Uriah Kauffman.

Rev. George Sleeper.

Rev. Henry W. Webber.

Rev. Alexander H. Folwell.

Rev. Benjamin Jones.

Rev. E. V. King.

Rev. Lathrop W. Wheeler.

Rev. James H. Hyatt.

Rev. Ellis L. Stager.

Rev. Amos B. Still.

Rev. H. B. Raybold.

Rev. Charles P. DeCamp.

Rev. Matthew M. Finch.

Rev. J. W. Evans.

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IN THE

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BLIZZARD.

Sacred to the memory of Jeremiah Blizzard who departed this life February 28th A. D. 1820, aged 64 years 5 month and 20 days.

BRADFORD.

In memory of Mary Bradford, who departed this life Dec r 10th A. D. 1834. Aged 72 years.

In memory of Temperance Bradford, wife of Silas Bradford and daughter of Ebenezer Westcott. Born December the 4th 1753 and departed this life December 23, 1793. Aged 40 years and 19 days.

The Sincere Christian.

BRIGHT.

In memory of William Bright, who died 3, July 1786. Aged 42 years.

In memory William Bright, who departed this life February 10th, 1802. Aged 24 years 11 months and 28 days.

BROOKS.

Sacred to the memory of Rev d Thomas Brooks, who departed this life in the 77th year of his age and the 40th year of his ministry, for more than 20 years the devoted servant of the Baptist Church at Dividing Creek.

In memory of Susan R. Brooks. Born Nov. 13, 1784. Died Oct. 6, 1854.

BURT.

In memory of Matilda wife of Noah Burt, died Jan., 17, 1813. In the 22nd year of her age.

CAMBLOSS.

In memory of Peter Cambloss. Died May 15, 1848, in the 66th year of his age.

In memory of Cynthia, widow of Peter Combloss, who departed this life August 24 1861. Aged 72 years & 5 days.

DANIELS.

In memory of Joseph H. Daniels, who departed this life April 19, 1812. Aged 58 years 4 months and 8 days.

DOLLES.

In memory of Levi Dolles, who departed this life Jan y 26, 1775. Aged 26 years.

FRENCH.

In memory of William French, who departed this life July 20, 1844, in the 60th year of his age.

In memory of Deborah wife of William French. Born, Mar., 30, 1779. Died, Sept., 30, 1858.

GANDY.

Ephraim Gandy. Died, Oct., 17, 1856. in the 75th year of his age.

In memory of Sarah, wife of Ephraim Gandy. Died, Sept., 10, 1832, in the 50th year of her age.

GARRISON.

In memory of Betsey Garrison, who died Sept., 4, 1807. Aged 4 years 5 month & 4 days.

Daniel Garrison. Born, Oct., 25, 1789. Died, May 4, 1866.

In memory of Phebe Garrison, wife of Daniel Garrison, who departed this life, Aug., 22, 1823, aged 33 years 4 months and 17 days.

In memory of Isaac Garrison, who departed this life, Mar., 18, A. D, 1819. Aged 59 years.

In memory of Naomy Garrison, who departed this life June 11th A. D 1817. Aged 60 years.

GLANN.

In memory of Frazier Glann, who departed this life, July 27, 1859. Aged 78 years 2 months & 26 days.

In memory of Mary wife of Frazier Glann, who departed this life November 27, 1856. Aged 74 years 6 months & 28 days.

In memory of Gabriel Glann, who died August 2rnd 1798. Aged 45 years 5 month & 22 days.

In memory of Phebe Glann, wife of Gabriel Glann, who departed this life Feb., 14th 1850. Aged 95 years 10 months & 28 days.

In memory of Ann Glann daughter of Gabriel & Ann Glann, died March 7, 1852. Aged 75 [or 73.] years 4 months and 7 days.

HEATON.

In memory of Ann Heaton, who died October 1st 1794. Aged 56 years 11 months and 15 days.

In memory of David Heaton, who departed this life July 15, 1800. Aged 29 years. 6 months and 20 days

In memory of Daniel Heaton, who departed this life December 13, 1840. Aged 70 years, 6 months and 13 days.

In memory of Ruth, consort of Daniel Heaton, who died September 17, 1852, Aged 78 years, 6 months and 16 days.

In memory of Gideon Heaton, who departed this life May 20, 1783, Aged 40 years.

In memory of, Gideon Heaton was born April 21st 1776 & died September 18, 1811.

In memory of, Jotham L. Heaton was born April 2, 1809 & died September 22d 1811.

HENDERSON.

In memory of John Henderson, who departed this life Sept r 20, 1796. Aged 28 years, 3 months and 7 days.

In memory of Ann W. Henderson, wife of Major Henderson, who departed this life August 16, 1819. Aged 32, 2 weeks and 1 day.

LADOW.

In memory of, Charles Ladow departed this life Dec-8th 1802, in the 49th year of his age.

In memory of Mary Ladow, wife of Rosall Ladow, who departed this life, February the 3d 1805, in the 26 year of her age.

In memory of Phebe Ladow, formerly the wife of Levi Heaton, who departed this life, October 7, 1822. Aged 74 years.

LAWS.

Jacob Laws died June 16, 1857. Aged 80 years. Rebecca, wife of Jacob Laws. Died Sept., 2, 1851. Aged 68 years.

LAKE.

In memory of Mary, wife of Robert Lake. Died Dec, 2, 1875, in the 87 year of her age.

LORE.

In memory of Alexander Lore, who died Aug., 28, 1805. Aged 10 years & 9 months.

Mrs. Ann Lore. Born July 24, 1780. Died February 23, 1861. Aged 83 years, 6 months & 3 days.

In memory of Betsey Lore, who died April 20, 1805. Aged 14 years, 5 months & 11 days.

In memory of Dolles Lore, who departed this life, December 20th 1811. Aged 48 years, 3 months and 16 days.

In memory of Abigail, consort of Dolles Lore, who departed this life April 1st 1824. Aged 68 years and 10 months.

In memory of Dolles Lore, who died Aug., 12th 1811. Aged 14 years, 6 months & 28 days.

In memory of Ephraim Lore, who departed this life January 9, 1759. Aged 33 years.

In memory of Hezekiah Lore, who died Oct., 14th 1801. Aged 55 years, 11 months & 14 days.

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In memory of Hezekiah Lore, who died Dec., 16, 1795. Aged 9 months.

In memory of Ichabod Lore, who departed this life. June 19th 1769. Aged 27 years.

In memory of Ichabod Lore, who died August 18th 1811. Aged 16 years, 5 months and 2 days.

In memory of Jefferson Lore, who died Aug., 3d 1811. Aged 10 years, 1 month & 25 days.

In memory of John Lore, who departed this life, Feb y 7, 1815. Aged 60 years & 15 days.

In memory of Sarah Lore, wife of John Lore, who departed this life, Sept., 8, 1798. Aged, 38 years, 6 months and 7 days.

In memory of, John Lore, Jun., was born November 18th 1765; died January 16th 1809. Aged 44 years, 1 month and 28 days.

In memory of Dorcas, wife of John Lore, who departed this life in the 44 year of her age.

In memory of Jonathan Lore, who departed this life, Oct., 8, A. D. 1760. Aged 5 years.

In memory of Lydia Lore, who died Jan y 22, 1790. Aged 37 years, 4 months and 5 days.

In memory of Nancy Lore, who died May 25th 1800, Aged 11 months & 9 days.

In memory of Nathaniel Lore, who departed this life March 11 1827. Aged 81 years, 1 months and 20 days.

In memory of Rachel Lore, wife of Nathaniel Lore, who departed this life November 18th 1824. Aged 64 years and 17 days.

Our Father. Robert Lore, departed this life Sept., 24, 1840. Aged 62 years, 11 months & 10 days.

In memory of Ruth Lore. Died December 29, 1831, in the 76 year of her age.

In memory of Sally Lore, who died April 20, 1803. Aged 12 years & 5 months.

Seth Lore. Deseast Feb r 21st 1771, in the 28th year of his age.

In memory of Temperance Lore, formerly the wife of David Shepherd, who departed this life July 28th 1796 in the 65 year of her age.

In memory of William Lore, who departed this life, May the 2d 1772, in the 32 year of his age.

MASON.

In memory of David Mason, who departed this life July 10, 1851. Aged 76 years, 4 months & 10 days.

In memory of Phebe, wife of David Mason who departed this life October 3d 1853. Aged 71 years, 4 months & 18 days.

MOORE.

In memory of Hamilton Moore, Sr. Died Jan., 6, 1880. Aged 81 years, 5 months & 3 days.

In memory of Ann, wife of Hamilton Moore, Sr. Died Oct., 12, 1877. Aged 73 years, 3 months & 8 days.

In memory of James Moore. Born Aug t 13, 1788. Died April 3d 1850. Aged 61 years, 7 months and 21 days.

Keziah Moore. Born July 30, 1793. Died April 13, 1866.

NEWCOMB.

Sacred to the memory of Nathan Newcomb, who departed this life December 30, 1837. Aged 77 years.

In memory of Pleasant Newcomb, who departed this life Feb y 28, 1791. Aged 57 years.

In memory of Pleasant Newcomb, who departed this life October the 4, 1795 Aged 4 years, 4 months and 8 days,

In memory of William Newcomb, who departed this life April 7, 1785 Aged 64 years.

ORR.

Deacon William Orr, died June 17, 1882. Aged 74 vears.

Lorinda, wife of William Orr, Esq. Died March 16, 1874. In the 63d year of her age.

PETERSON.

Our Father. Hollingshead Peterson, died April 14, 1867. Aged 78 years, 6 months and 20 days.

Our Mother. Elgey, wife of Hollingshead Peterson, died Sept., 14, 1849. Aged 54 years, 7 months and 16 days.

PAGE.

In memory of David Page, who departed this life June 23d A. D. 1803. Aged 63 years.

In memory of David Page, who departed this life December the 2d 1812. Aged 48 years, 1 month and 8 days.

In memory of Sarah, consort of David Page, who departed this life December 10, 1852, in the 83d year of her age.

PARMER.

In memory of Deborah Parmer, who died Jan., 25, 1860, in the 56 year of her age.

ROBBINS.

In memory of David Robbins, who departed this life Sept., 9, 1852. Aged 64 years, 1 month, 7 days.

In memory of Elizabeth Robbins, who departed this life January 27, 1865. Aged 67 years, 7 months, 11 days.

In memory of John Robbins, who departed this life Aug., 25, 1823. Aged 68 years, 3 months & 25 days.

Sacred to the memory of John Robbins, who departed this life October 15, A. D. 1855. Aged 73 years, 1 month and 2 days.

Hannah, wife of John Robbins, died Mar., 21. 1872 Aged 88 years and 9 months.

In memory of John Robbins, 3d, who departed this life Sept., 6th 1846. Aged 26 years, 7 months & 6 days.

In memory of Rebecca, wife of Rickson Robbins, who departed this life February 10, 1841. Aged 52 years, 8 months and 27 days.

In memory of Temperance Robbins who departed this life Oct., the 9, 1821. Aged 59 years, 7 months, 22 days.

SHAW.

Sacred to the memory of Henry Shaw, Esqr. Born July 14th 1768, and departed this life October 15th 1855. Aged 87 years, 2 months and 28 days.

Sacred to the memory of Zabitha Shaw, consort of Henry Shaw, Esq. who departed this life March 20, 1817. Aged 78 years, 1 month and 20 days,

Sacred to the memory of Henry Shaw, Jr. who was born August 13, 1796; departed this life March 7, 1856. Aged 59 years, 4 months & 24 days.

In memory of Sarah Shaw, wife of Henry Shaw, Jr. who was born February 29, 1802; departed this life October 15, 1840. Aged 38 years, 7 months & 11 days.

Jedediah Shaw, died 1820. Aged 59 years.

Rhuhama Shaw, died 1829 Aged 59 years.

SHEPHERD.

In memory of David Shepherd, who departed this life June 18th 1774. Aged 50 years.

SHEPPARD.

In memory of Josiah Sheppard, who departed this life 27 May 1797 [or 1799.] Aged 21 years and 5 days.

SOCWELL.

In memory of Jonathan Socwell, who departed this life August 5th in the year of our Lord 1813, in the 71st year of his age.

STEPHENSON.

In memory of Richard Stephenson, who departed this life May 27th 1811. Aged 59 years, 2 months and 27 days.

TULLIS.

In memory of Nancy B. Tullis, born May 22, 1802, died Feb., 1, 1892. Aged 89 years, 8 months and 10 days.

WATSON.

In memory of Isaac Watson, Sen. who was born April 27, 1793, and departed this life July 12, 1856. Aged 63 years, 3 months & 5 days.

Our Mother. Lydia Watson. March 23, 1795, Aug. 29, 1873.

Sarah Watson died Sept., 13, 1863. Aged 72 years, 7 months, 14 days.

William Watson died Oct., 2, 1857. Aged 59 years, 11 months & 25 days,

WEBB.

In memory of Elizabeth Webb, the wife of John Webb, departed this life January the 3d in the year of our Lord 1813, aged 21 years, 8 months and 2 days.

In memory of Jacob Webb, who departed this life March the 19th in the year of our Lord 1791. Aged 38 years.

WHITAKER.

In memory of Richard Whitaker, who died July 4, 1863, in the 84 year of his age.





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